

Operation Update Report

Myanmar: Civil Unrest Response

Emergency appeal n° MDRMM016	GLIDE n° OT-2021-000042-MMR
Operation update n° 1	Timeframe covered by this update: March 2021 to 30 th July 2021
Operation start date: 10/05/2021	Operation timeframe: 10 months until 31/03/2022 (The operation timeframe is 12 months including DREF period)
Funding requirements (CHF): CHF 4,500,000	DREF amount initially allocated: CHF 181,395
N° of people being assisted: 285,400	
Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners currently actively involved in the operation: MRCS leads the overall response operation. This action is supported by the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Partner National Societies supporting the operation include: In-country partners: Danish Red Cross, German Red Cross, Finnish Red Cross, Norwegian Red Cross, Swedish Red Cross, Turkish Red Crescent and Qatar Red Crescent. Supporting partners: American Red Cross, Australian Red Cross, British Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross, Japanese Red Cross, Hong Kong branch of Red Cross Society of China, Singapore Red Cross, Thai Red Cross, The Republic of Korean National Red Cross, Philippine Red Cross, Monaco Red Cross and Cruz Vermelha De Timor-Leste.	
Other partner organizations actively involved in the operation: The humanitarian sector response readiness is being coordinated by the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) via OCHA.	

Summary of major revisions made to emergency plan of action:

Revision of disaster preparedness stock (NFI) in order to meet the growing needs of the crisis affected population, and to enable MRCS to be response ready in a situation where, due to the civil unrest has disrupted the supply chain of the country. In view of this, having pre-positioned stock in country has become an increasing priority. Implications on the current operating context include reduced access to other means of rapid humanitarian assistance, including cash grants as well as limited scope for timely transport of items to locations affected by disaster.

Originally, these items were planned for in-country procurement and pre-positioning. Due to the current procurement challenges in local market affected by the political crisis, and restriction on both banking and commercial imports, it is now amended to mobilize the supplies through international channel with the support of the IFRC Global Humanitarian Services & Supply Chain – Asia Pacific (GHS&SCM-AP) Unit.

The revision involves increase in quantities of specific items (Tarpaulins, Mosquito Nets and Blanket), revision in budgeting based on international mobilisation including freight and logistics costs.

An approximate increase of budget by CHF 203,847 (4.53 per cent to the EA funding needs). Based on current donor response only 23 per cent of the total NFI needs could be covered, IFRC has accordingly launched a Mobilization Table in July 2021 seeking for in-kind donations from the partners. Considering the complicated importation process, and challenges in the freights (air, sea & road) context, the MRCS and IFRC team are streamlining the logistics mobilization of the goods into Myanmar. As far as feasible, IFRC GHS&SCM-AP Unit will coordinate the mobilization of the in-kind donation contributions from donors via a single consignment dispatch from IFRC regional warehouse's stocks in Kuala Lumpur.

Items	Original Quantity	Revised Estimation in the Mob table	Approx. unit cost in CHF (Reference EA)	Total variance in CHF
Tarpaulin	7,000	16,000	20.349	183,141
Blanket	6,000	8,000	7.854	15,708
Mosquito net	4,000	6,000	2.499	4,998

Note- Quantities included also for family shelter kits - 4,000 Tarpaulin, 4,000 blankets and 2000 mosquito nets.

203,847

4.53%

A. SITUATION ANALYSIS

Description of the disaster

Since 1 February 2021, Myanmar has been undergoing a political crisis with civil unrest precipitating a humanitarian crisis affecting populations across many parts of the country. The civil unrest has constrained the collective humanitarian response capacity currently.

Adding to the political situation, the intensified third wave of COVID-19 infections, and seasonal monsoon related natural disasters has affected thousands of families across several states and regions.

This operation update notes the significant rise in the displacement of civil unrest affected population across different hotspots since the launch of civil unrest emergency appeal, approximately 211,000 people have now been displaced internally¹. This includes 176,900 IDPs in Southeast Myanmar and Shan (South). The recent monsoon rains and floods have severely impacted several displacement and settlement sites across country with increased health risk for IDPs currently living under temporary shelters.

With disruption in public health sector there is an Increased risk for people with chronic illness outbreak of vaccine - preventable diseases. This is compounded by the third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is spreading across Myanmar. The Ministry of Health and Sports (MoHS) reported 148,022 confirmed cases, 3,262 confirmed deaths and 133,606 recovered cases as of 20 June 2021. Alpha and Delta variants of concern (VOC) and Kappa variant of interest (VOI) were detected in Myanmar as per information from the Ministry of Health and Sports as of 15 June 2021. The MRCS, with IFRC support, is leading on a parallel coordinated COVID-19 response.

Summary of current response

MRCS leads on Movement coordination in Myanmar and receives both technical and financial support from Movement Partners. IFRC is supporting MRCS closely in planning and coordination.

On 16th April 2021, MRCS shared the one-year 'MRCS EPoA -Myanmar Civil Unrest' - Emergency Response Plan for MRCS (MRCS- ERP). The Appeal is based on these response plans which address humanitarian needs across key sectors of first aid and ambulance services, basic health, including psychosocial support, livelihoods assistance, enhanced disaster response capacity and increased operational and branch capacity, recognising the widespread impacts of the crisis.

The initial phase of the MRCS response has focused on emergency first aid and ambulance services across 194 of Myanmar's 330 townships in 16 of the 17 regions/states. On 11 July 2021, MRCS has reached over 8,326 affected people. Over 2,000 Red Cross volunteers (RCVs) are engaged across 330 First Aid Stations with 143 ambulances in operation to assist with emergency health assistance and transfer.

The ICRC continues its operations in the traditional conflict affected states of Rakhine, Chin, Kachin and Shan focusing on the new conflict dynamics. The ICRC and MRCS are cooperating to scale up the response in new and emerging areas affected by violence and or recent skirmishes such as Mindat, Magwe, Southern Shan and Kayah. Humanitarian access has been difficult to establish, but initial deployments have now started, despite the extra challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

MRCS, along with IFRC is represented in the Humanitarian Country Team (HCT) and the UN Myanmar Humanitarian Fund (MHF) Advisory Board and participates in key clusters. MRCS is co-lead of the Cash Working Group.

UN agencies also continue to collaborate with MRCS to reach to affected communities with timely support at scale.

¹ UNHCR Update.



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How we work

All IFRC assistance seeks to adhere to the **Code of Conduct** for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) in Disaster Relief and the **Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response (Sphere)** in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable. The IFRC's vision is to inspire, **encourage, facilitate and promote at all times all forms of humanitarian activities** by National Societies, with a view to **preventing and alleviating human suffering**, and thereby contributing to the maintenance and promotion of human dignity and peace in the world.

The IFRC's work is guided by Strategy 2020 which puts forward three strategic aims:



Save lives,
protect livelihoods,
and strengthen recovery
from disaster and crises.



Enable **healthy**
and **safe** living.



Promote **social inclusion**
and a culture of
non-violence and **peace**.